

**Mercersburg Borough Council**  
**Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA**  
**April 9, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** President Elizabeth McClintick, Mayor Jim Zeger, Vice-President John Freeland, Donald Stoner, Betty Stenger, Jeff Main, Borough Manager Tammy Oberholzer, Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Solicitor Sam Wiser, and Police Chief John Zechman

**Absent:** Thomas Suddeth, Chris Frisby, Engineer

**Press:** None

**Guest(s):** None

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Mayor leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

President McClintick asked for Public Comment and there was none.

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 26, 2012 Borough Council Meeting.

**MOTION: to approve the March 26, 2012 meeting minutes was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending March 2012 was made by Betty Stenger, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the Invoice List and Bills Payable for month ending March 31, 2012.

**MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable and Invoice List for the month ending March 31, 2012 was made by Jeff Main, second by, John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Zeger stated that in the recent weeks he had been flushed. Mayor Zeger reported that the community is trying to raise money for the annual Relay for Life that is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that it is a good cause and that you are able to purchase insurance so that you are not flushed and you may also pay to have someone special to you flushed. He stated the group will bring a blue toilet where it will sit in your yard for two days. He shared that this is a fun way to raise funds and that the group may introduce a 2<sup>nd</sup> toilet so that more individuals are able to participate. Mayor also stated that he is monitoring the rain levels in the community and may place a burn ban in the near future. It was discussed that due to the lack of rain, low humidity, and wind the fire department has been busy with local fires. Mayor stated that he would continue to monitor the situation.

President McClintick asked for the Police Report.

Chief John Zechman reported that the Mercersburg Police Department responded to 79 Complaints and service calls. They investigated 15 crimes, had 8 criminal arrests, 2 accident investigations, issued 60 citations and 59 Parking tickets. Chief Zechman provided a financial statement of money collected for the month of March and stated that the Parking

Meter Money would be collected. Chief Zechman invited anyone interested to join the Police Department in viewing a New Police SUV Ford Interceptor on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Borough Hall. Chief stated that the Ford Dealer would be bringing the vehicle to Mercersburg for a test drive. Chief stated that the vehicle is a V6, AWD, 4WD which is rated for pursuits and gets 26 mpg. Chief Zechman stated that the purchase of a vehicle is an item that is budgeted for. The Chief was asked how many miles per gallon the current vehicles get. Chief Zechman stated that he believed 22 mpg but would verify that information and report back to Council with that information. Jeff Main and the Mayor stated that they believe the Police Department should have a 4WD vehicle.

President McClintick asked for the Solicitor's Report.

Sam Wiser stated that he had nothing at this time.

President McClintick asked if there was anything from the Engineer.

Tammy Oberholzer stated that she received an update from Lance and stated that he is still working to resolve the Food Lion issue. Tammy stated that Lance has been in contact with Maryanne and the Franklin County Conservation District and that no Bond Funds should be released until it is corrected. Tammy stated that Lance would continue to keep the office informed of the progress. President McClintick asked that the Engineer provide Council with a report or email that can be included in the Monthly Meeting Packet. Tammy stated that she would forward the request to Lance.

President asked if the Manager had anything to report.

Tammy Oberholzer provided Council with a copy of the letter from FEMA reinstating Mercersburg to the National Flood Insurance Program effective April 5, 2012. Tammy Oberholzer thanked Sam Wiser's efforts with FEMA. Council agreed that they are happy to have this resolved. Tammy also reported that Columbia Gas will be working on the Bennett Avenue gas lines beginning in June. Tammy stated that she will keep Council informed on the progress along with the cost to the Borough for the remaining of the street.

President McClintick asked for the Secretary's Report.

Dawn Scheller reported that there were 3 Land Use Permits issued in March. Dawn provided Council with prior years Harriet Lane Award Nominations. Dawn Scheller stated that a new nomination was at everyone's seat for review and that this was an item under New Business. Dawn stated that the Borough Office received the information about the Award Dinner and provided it to Council for discussion and direction as to how they would like to proceed. Dawn stated that this was an item listed under old business. Dawn reported that there were a number of rental properties that have not been registered and that she would send out a letter reminding everyone of the ordinance. Dawn stated that additional per capita tax forms were needed to be ordered. Dawn stated that there were 4 seats available at the Chamber Dinner. Mayor Zeger and Wife were interested in attending. John Freeland and Liz might also be interested in attending. Dawn Scheller stated that the traffic paint was ordered and delivered and the PWD have begun the Spring Maintenance.

President McClintick stated that the Public Works Department was included in everyone's packet for review.

President McClintick moved to review the Committee Reports.

Betty Stenger stated that the HARB Committee met on 4/3/2012 to review COA 12-04-01. Betty reviewed the meeting information and recommendations from the consultant.

**MOTION: to approve COA 12-04-01 replacing shingle roof with a metal roof using the Everseam roofing material as recommended by the consultant and to approve the Porch, Fence, and Front Foundation Brick Repair was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick stated that the Property and Streets Committees would be meeting on Wednesday. Mayor Zeger stated that he would be in attendance and like to propose to the Property Committee of renaming the Council Room after J. Winston Smith. Betty Stenger stated that she would be in support of such a recommendation.

President McClintick moved on to the Old Business Listed.

**MOTION: to approve the payment and attendance of the James Buchanan Award Winner and Guest at the Mercersburg Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting and Program at a cost of \$40 was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick moved on to the business listed under New Business.

President McClintick opened Nominations for the Harriet Lane Award. Betty Stenger nominated Karl Reisner for this award. Council reviewed that Karl has been a History Faculty Member at the Academy for 38 years. Karl has coached Varsity Baseball, Varsity Football, Varsity Wrestling, and Varsity Girls Basketball. Karl has created a 1hour show portraying James Buchanan and has performed over 300 times. He has participated in the Mercersburg Rotary Club and Santa's Toy Box.

President asked for any additional Nominations. None were added and a vote was taken.

All present Council Members unanimously approved Karl Reisner as the recipient of the Harriet Lane Award.

**MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 143: An Ordinance amending 1-36 of 2007 by Renaming "Harbaugh Drive" to D.L. Martin Drive" was made by Betty Stenger, second by Donald Stoner, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick reviewed correspondence and the Calendar. Council agreed that the Streets and Property Committees would meet on April 11, 2012 and the Personnel Committee would meet on April 16, 2012. Betty stated that she would meet with some individuals who were interested in the Beautification Committee. Betty stated that she would keep council informed.

**MOTION: to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Donald Stoner, second by Betty Stenger, all ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed by Borough Secretary, Dawn L. Scheller, using her meeting minutes and recording of the meeting. Respectfully submitted by Borough Secretary, Dawn L. Scheller.*

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Made By: \_\_\_\_\_ Second By: \_\_\_\_\_